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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

10 ANDREW OTIKER,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 WASHINGTON STATE,

14 Respondent.

CASE NO. C20-6151 RSL-DWC

ORDER

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16 Petitioner, who is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed a Petition for Writ of  
17 Habeas Corpus (“the Petition”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Dkt. 5. In his Petition, Petitioner  
18 named the State of Washington as Respondent. *See id.* The proper respondent to a habeas  
19 petition is the “person who has custody over [the petitioner].” 28 U.S.C. § 2242; see also § 2243;  
20 *Brittingham v. United States*, 982 F.2d 378 (9th Cir. 1992); *Dunne v. Henman*, 875 F.2d 244, 249  
21 (9th Cir. 1989). According to his Petition, Petitioner is currently confined at Coyote Ridge  
22 Corrections Center (“CRCC”) in Connell, Washington. *See* Dkt. The Superintendent of CRCC is  
23 Jeffrey A. Uttecht.  
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1 Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is directed to substitute Jeffrey A. Uttecht as the  
2 Respondent in this action. The Clerk of Court is also directed to update the case title.

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4 Dated this 15th day of July, 2021.

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7 David W. Christel  
8 United States Magistrate Judge  
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